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Interview with the Palestine Liberation Organization

Sadat Shelves Rights of Palestinians

Furthering his efforts to reach a separate peace with Zionist Israel, Anwar el Sadat has launched an all-out attack on the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Palestinian refugees residing in Egypt

Sadat has taken advantage of the recent assassination of Yousef el Sebai, the editor of the Egyptian newspaper Al Ahram, by Palestinian terrorists to whip up anti-Palestinian attitudes among the Egyptian masses. Sadat has used every excuse to divert attention away from Egypt's crisis-ridden economy and his outright betrayal of the Palestinian people

In order to deal with his regime's internal problems, Sadat has prostituted himself to U S imperialism and is now carrying out U S orders in the Middle East and North Africa

Sadat's peace initiatives have been clearly exposed and denounced as not representing the Arab or Palestinian interests, no matter what some "three worlds" theorists claim Proponents of the theory of the "three worlds" would have the world's proletariat and oppressed peoples support Sadat's betrayal of the Arab cause

The Egyptian masses have no interest in siding with the Sadat regime in its betrayal of the Arab cause or its phony solution to Egypt's internal crisis Egypt's crisis is part and parcel of the world economic crisis of imperialism and is a result of the economy being controlled by foreign imperialists in collusion with the local bourgeoisie The Egyptian masses will overthrow the Sadat regime, create a genuine new democratic society, forge closer unity with their Arab brothers, and press for the return of their stolen lands and the return of the Palestinians to their homeland under a secular Palestinian state Sadat's plans cannot prevent the inevitable victory of the Palestinian people

UNITE! is publishing the following recent interview with the PLO to give our readers their assessment of the current state of the struggle in the Middle East

UNITE! – Why has Sadat launched various attacks on the Palestinian people?

Palestine Liberation Organization – Sadat is looking for something to distract attention Sadat's role internationally is as a gendarme for U S imperialism in Africa When he was here he discussed with Carter how he could best serve U S interests How he could best attack Libya What his role would be against Ethiopia. His trip had nothing to do with Israeli expansionism His conflict with Israel has boiled down to a few settlements in the Sinai. The question of the rights of the Palestinians has been shelved The question of the representation of the Palestinians has been shelved Sadat's mission is to work out how he and Israel could join ranks against the revolutionary movement in Africa Carter, fortunately, bluntly said this was why he was supporting Sadat

UNITE! – Is there a relationship between Sadat's attacks on the Palestinians and the internal situation in Egypt?

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Special Supplement on the Coal Strike

Fight to Win!

Five Point Program for Victory in the Coalfields

Both the capitalists and the miners have had enough The capitalists have had enough of the continued resistance of the miners and the miners have had enough of the bad working conditions and sell-out policies of the trade union bureaucrats Battle lines have been drawn

President Carter has invoked the Taft Hartley Act to break the strike But in the coalfields, the U S Marshalls serving the injunctions are having to be escorted by state troopers and in some places are having a hard time locating the union officers named in the documents

The miners from Illinois to Alabama are quite clear that despite this move by the coal operators and the state they are not going back to work

The real plan of the capitalists as Carter expressed it, is to break up the unity of the striking miners and get just enough back to work to raise the level of coal production to 50%

Their plan is three-pronged

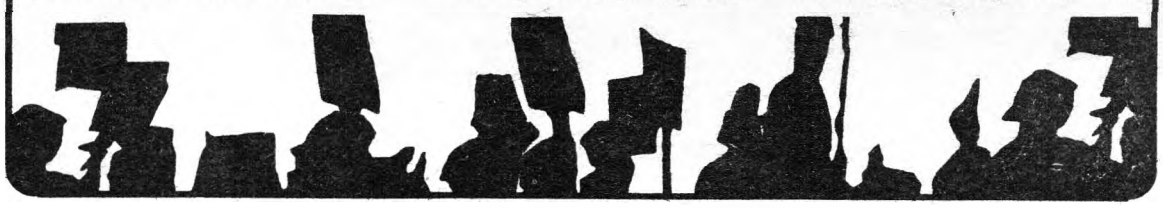
1 To protect the flow of western coal,

2. To protect scab operations, and

3 To get enough individual miners or locals to agree to go back to work

Once this is accomplished they are prepared to wait out the remainder of the miners for a period of time, until it is necessary to suppress the strikers with force and with seizure of the mines.

This issue of **UNITE!** contains a special supplement which analyzes the current situation in the strike and the plans of the capitalists, and puts forward the necessary plan of action in order to win this strike and to rebuild the United Mine Workers of America along class lines



Workers Learn to Expect Layoffs in U S

No Unemployment in Socialist Albania

The coal strike has reached into almost every home, having a deep effect on the working class For weeks the capitalists have threatened massive layoffs if miners refuse to buckle under The capitalists claim that up to one million workers will lose their jobs While the coal shortage is real, the layoffs are being used to turn workers against the striking miners.

The coal strike is not the root cause of these layoffs Capitalist relations of production make layoffs common. Workers learn to expect them Sometimes they are temporary – after a few weeks or a month you're called back Sometimes they are permanent Workers at the Zenith plants in Chicago, for example, are not going to be called back

Some workers get thrown out of a job at age 40 and never find another one in their field Some young people never find a job to begin with. There are thousands of young Blacks in their early 30's who have never held a job to get laid off from

Albanian photo

In Albania jobs are guarranteed in the Constitution Even women, kept out of jobs by the capitalist as part of the reserve army of the unemployed are guaraneteed work outside the home

Here in the U S the general crisis causes wide spread layoffs for long periods of time and businesses go under, throwing workers permanently into the streets It doesn't have to be this way

In Albania, new socialist enterprises are steadily opened up In Albania there is no unemployment Every able-bodied person works During the current Five Year Plan, 95,000 new jobs in industry will open up In agriculture, 130,000 new workers will be employed in the fields Since liberation 30 years ago, the rate of development of the productive forces has been two to three times higher than the rate of population growth

All of this points to the economic growth and stability socialism ensures for the working people Socialism unleashes the productive forces Capitalism has long been a fetter, a restraint upon the productive abilities of the working class By abolishing private property and instituting the socialist principle of "from each according to ability, to each according to work", great social wealth is created which is enjoyed by the entire society

In Albania, the income of the people has steadily increased Medical care is free There are no taxes Rents are low Prices are

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Editorials

A Fighting Program for Victory in the Coal Strike

With the coal strike in an extremely critical period, the Marxist Leninist Organizing Committee has stepped forward to provide genuine leadership to guide the strike and for the road ahead, after it is over This leadership can be seen in the analysis and in the five point program which we advance in the special supplement in this issue of **UNITE!**

The special supplement contains an important understanding about the real and long lasting significance of this strike to the entire working class movement Unlike many so called communist organizations, who present a superficial understanding of the nature of this class battle, the MLOC presents a rich materialist analysis of the strategy of the bourgeoisie regarding the coal strike As well, the five point plan of action presents a clear and correct alternative to the treachery of the trade-union bureaucrats

The MLOC calls on all miners to take up this five-point program and the leadership it provides, to use it as a tool for the short term struggle of the strike, but also as a real guide for the road ahead in the United Mine Workers of America

The MLOC also calls on the entire working class to come forward and close ranks around the striking miners and materially and politically support them in this important struggle With the analysis presented in the special supplement, the working class can see much more clearly why the strike has such importance to the whole working class movement

Coal miners are standing strong, determined that they will not sacrifice this long, hard struggle for little or nothing in return The plans of the capitalist class and the trade union bureaucrats must be defeated The unity of miners in this strike and the unity of the entire working class will not be broken

Take up the five point program and **fight to win!**

Nazis Routed in St. Louis; They Will Meet the Same Fate in Skokie

On March 11, the Nazis attempted to have a march and demonstration in St Louis Despite strong police protection, the Nazis were met with stiff opposition Hundreds of people –most of them white – pelted the fascists with rocks, snowballs, bottles and sticks As a result of this opposition the Nazis were prevented from holding their rally as planned

The Nazis insisted that the demonstration was still a great victory for their reactionary ideas Frank Collins, head of the Chicago branch of the Nazi Party, stated, "Everybody knows about the Nazi Party now That's all we wanted We're trying to defend white St Louis We'll have more when we go to Skokie "

Well, the fact is, Mr Collins, that the working class and oppressed peoples of the world know all too well what the fascist Nazis represent The rejection of you and your reactionary organization in St Louis is clear evidence of this It was not a victory for you, it was a defeat And even though you say you will have more forces in Skokie, the forces of the working class and oppressed peoples will meet you there to crush you

Everywhere the fascist forces show their ugly faces, resistance to them mounts The solution to the problems that the multi national working class faces is not the solution that the Nazis or any other white supremacist group offers These fascist solutions will only increase our misery, just as the working class faced misery under Hitler

No, Mr Collins, we completely reject your bourgeois ideology We fight for the equality of all nationalities We fight for the utter defeat of fascism and all reaction We will meet fascist reaction with revolutionary violence

Nazis prepare for rally in St. Louis on March 11 An angery crowds stopped them St. Louis police arrested six counter demonstrators, while the Nazi preachers of hatred, fascist violence, and genocide were let go

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's Note All letters regarding the **Draft Party Program** will be considered by the Central Committee of the MLOC and responded to in the commentaries which will begin on May 1st We will publish a number of letters on the **Program**, because we think that they will further aid discussion on the **Program** itself We look forward to many more of these letters in the coming months

A Reader Criticizes We Need a Demand on Wages

Dear **UNITE!**,

I've just seen the new **Draft Party Program** It's the kind of program we need to keep our eyes on the goals ahead while keeping our feet on the right path to get there

I have a question and a suggestion In the section on "immediate economic demands" I understand that these demands will protect our lives and increase our ability to fight for socialist revolution We need to protect the eight-hour day and end forced overtime These are righteous demands But why is there no demand about wages?

In the face of the capitalists' attack on our wages and benefits we need a demand that says, "We demand a greater share of the wealth we produce to protect our standard of living until we no longer have to share that wealth with the capitalists We want a greater share on payday and we want less of our checks to find its way back to the pockets of the capitalists" Some concrete applications of this demand could be

To Get More of What We Deserve We Demand

Wage rates that match or exceed the annual profit rate increases of the corporations we work for (You can read in the Chicago Tribune that GMC, Exxon and Ford all report 25-40% increases over last year but our **wages** never go up that much)

A reworking of the federal agency that figures cost of living adjustments for our contracts so that our COL raises **really** match the rising costs in rent, food and gasoline, etc

Refinancing of the ailing Social Security program at the capitalists' expense so that there will be benefits when we retire

Restructuring of the unemployment program so that strikers may receive benefits, and so that benefits will be easily accessible to all those who get fired, quit or laid off

To Keep the Capitalists From Taking it Back We Demand

A shift of the burden of taxation from the working class to the capitalist corporations especially for the financing of schools and social services

An end to federal "welfare" programs for the capitalists

Limits imposed on corporations' "excess" profits and an end to the inflationary practice of immediately passing on our wage increases in price hikes

An end to inflationary military spending

I know that capitalists only pay us enough to make sure we get to work the next day As their system falls apart that amount will get less and less unless we push and push until we push them over

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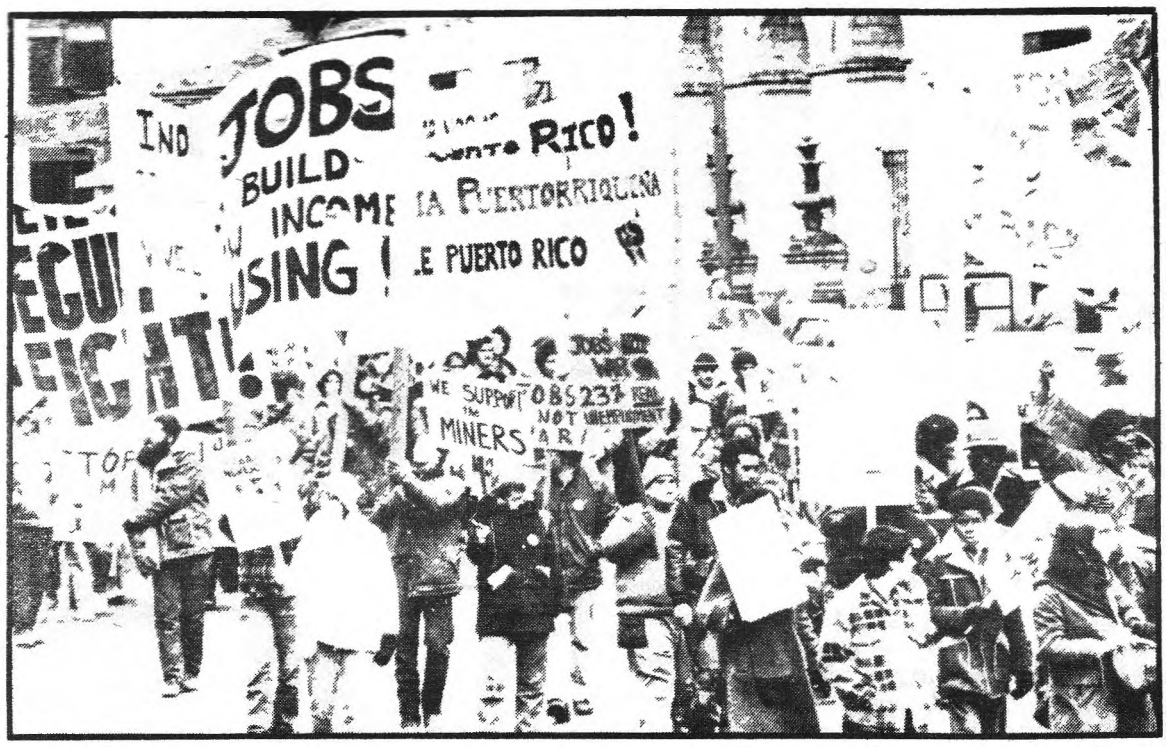

Call photo of the CP M-L "March for Jobs" on Washington D C in February Many people enthusiastically supported the march, but left in disgust after the "pep rally" held later It became clear that the CP M L has moved fruther into reformism and cannot provide leadership to the working class and its allies

Communist Party M-L Sponsors Pep Rally

D.C. Jobs March Promotes Illusion of Jobs Concessions

Washington, D C – The Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) – through its National Fightback Organization – organized a "March for Jobs" in Washington D C on February 18 Much of the march was militant and enthusiastic, a clear sign that the working class and oppressed masses are searching for a way to focus their anger Yet those who came looking for class conscious leadership – for an understanding of the source of unemployment under capitalism and a strategy for fighting it – instead found an empty pep rally

First announced last fall, the march and rally became a major campaign for the CP(ML) Over 2,000 people participated in some part of the demonstration

The "March for Jobs" began at the White House From there it went over two miles past the Capitol to the D C Coliseum, a large hall rented for the rally The route of the march passed through northeast D C , which is primarily Black

While D C unemployment is not exactly comparable to cities like Detroit or Chicago–chiefly because most jobs in D C are tied to federal government rather than in large-scale industry – it is still enormous In the course of the march, many onlookers showed great enthusiasm for the idea of united struggle against the system which produces unemployment, joining in the chants and shouting encouragement Some joined the demonstration

For those who came to the coliseum, the chief lesson of the rally was that the CP(ML) cannot provide leadership Many of those who had joined the march left the coliseum in disgust As marchers settled in the hall, they were met with empty "boogie" music

No scientific understanding of the source and role of unemployment under capitalism was provided at the "March for Jobs" The slogan of "class against class" was replaced by share the wealth and "poor against rich" The nature of the state was hardly mentioned, much less explained

CP(ML)'s main speaker at the rally, Central Committee member Odis Hyde, flung charges at the Rockefellers and the CIA, as if some conspiracy, rather than the capitalist system itself, were the source of unemployment Instead of addressing the role of the union bureaucrats, he spoke only of George Meany, and then only to call him a CIA agent This glosses over the main role of the union bureaucrats as agents of the bourgeoisie within the trade union movement

Most flagrantly, Hyde and the whole CP(ML) campaign did not show the way to link up the struggle of the unemployed to the struggles of the employed working class From start to finish, the CP(ML) in their shop work across the country promoted the idea that the problems of workers at U S Steel Gary or in GM Fremont could be solved by marching to Washington The Jobs or Income Now campaign actively tried to pull workers out of the struggle on the shop floor and in the trade union to send them on a jaunt to D C

In its sum up editorial, in "The Call", "On To Greater Victories in Jobs Fight" (March 6, 1978), the CP(ML) says the movement for jobs or income "can win jobs or other concessions from the ruling class' But they overlook the fact that unemployment is an essential part of capitalism The capitalist class can provide neither jobs nor income to the entire working class Capitalism spontaneously creates a reserve army of unemployed both as a weapon of class struggle against the proletariat and as a labor pool which cushions the fits and starts of unplanned production

The struggle against unemployment is part of the struggle of the working class as a whole This struggle is against the entire capitalist class, its state, and its class collaborators

Increasingly attempting to forge an alliance with the U S bourgeoisie against the U S S R , the CP(ML) is inevitably thrown into the position of limiting its demands to illusionary concessions It has moved solidly into reformism, with only a minimal cover of communism ★

The Struggle of Women as a Part of Revolution

International Women's Day Celebrated

Chicago, Illinois – On Saturday, March 11, the slogans "Emancipation through Revolution!", "Long Live Palestine!", "Down With the Shah!" and "Long Live the Eritrean People's Liberation Front!" were all militantly raised as part of an International Women's Day celebration in Chicago

The celebration was sponsored by the March 8 Coalition, in which the MLOC participated The event promoted a strong internationalist stand, placing the struggle of women around the world as a component part of revolution

There were speeches on the struggles of women from all parts of the world

A member of the Association of Arab Students spoke of the history of struggle of the Palestinian people She pointed out that the struggle of Palestinian women has consistently been linked up with the struggle against imperialist domination of their homeland The Palestinian people have a slogan, "To Liberate Women is to Liberate Society "

There were also excellent slide shows presented to the audience of 200 The first was an historical documentation of the struggle of women workers, focusing primarily on Chicago The rich history of women workers' resistance to capitalist exploitation came through very clearly in this show

The Association of Eritrean Students in North America presented a speech and slide show The slide show pointed out that 30% of the EPLF is composed of women cadre This is an excellent situation for a country in which women have historically been kept in the position of virtual slaves In Eritrea there is now an Association of Eritrean Women, which is rapidly expanding its membership In 1977, 6000 women participated in a demonstration celebrating the founding of the Keren branch of this organization

In the liberated areas of Eritrea – now over 90% of the country – women actively participate in all areas of life, including social production and combat support work In the non liberated zones, many women are active militant fighters The slogan of the Eritrean Women's Association is "Emancipation Through Equal Participation in Revolution and Social Production "

Other speakers told about the oppression and resistance of women in Iran We were told of the women carpet weavers who work ten-to twelve-hour days in dark and damp rooms

Among the many other presentations was one on the conditions of women political prisoners in Greece, presented by the Greek Cultural Center

The meeting ended with the singing of the "Internationale" in many different languages

Overall, the entire celebration represented a powerful statement about the growing resistance of women around the world, who are stepping forward and taking their place alongside their class brothers to fight for national liberation and socialist revolution

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Cultural Review Blue Collar

Exposes Workers' Oppression, Sells Out on Solution

Richard Pryor

Time and again, the bourgeoisie presents a stereotyped view of the working class in television and the movies Instead of pointing out the essential role that workers play in creating the wealth in this society, the working class is shown as a collection of stupid, beer drinking, narrow minded, chauvinist people – like the Lavernes and Shirleys and Archie Bunkers.

BLUE COLLAR is different Steering away from blatant stereotypes, the film accurately presents the conditions on the assembly line in an auto assembly plant It is grimy, noisy and hazardous work, and the workers are continually harassed by foremen who attempt to drive them faster and faster

But dirt and speedup aren't enough The film falls short because it shows workers dealing with their exploitation only in an individualistic way The film ignores the collective strength of the working class

BLUE COLLAR shows how workers are faced with ever increasing debts and family problems resulting from being overworked and underpaid under capitalism Many workers are driven to alcohol or drugs just to cope with the oppressive conditions of the factory The movie also shows how the trade union bureaucrats do not represent the interests of the rank and file and that workers are aware of this betrayal

The plot of BLUE COLLAR revolves around how three auto workers, two Black and one white, deal with the universal problems faced by the class oppressive working conditions, too many bills and not enough money to pay for them Zeke (Richard Pryor), Jerry (Harvey Keitel) and Smoke (Yaphet Kotto) decide to rob the union local's safe They justify this because the union bureaucrats do not represent the interests of the workers Their simple robbery plan backfires when the union safe doesn't contain much money But then they find the local's financial records which show illegal loans made to the mob

With this information, the three workers attempt to blackmail the local bureaucrats This is complicated by the introduction of the FBI, on one of its occasional investigations, which is looking into possible racketteering by the local Since money and bureaucratic careers are at stake, the local union officials go after the three workers in a heavy-handed way Smoke is murdered with the collaboration of the corporation Zeke is bought off Jerry flees to testify for the FBI, after barely escaping an attempt on his life

While BLUE COLLAR clearly points out the contradictions faced by workers, the solutions it points out are all wrong The solution found by the three workers leads them to act individually and not to rely on the other workers in the same plant who are faced with the exact same problems of overtime, debt, speedup, harassment and an ineffectual union

Once in trouble with the law and the trade-union bureaucrats, the three men did not take this struggle to all of the other workers Instead they relied on themselves, a choice which leads to their final fate– death, sell out and turning state's evidence

History has proven that victory is only possible with a united struggle against the capitalist class and its agents This is how the struggles for unionization, the shorter work week and socialist revolution are won

The lesson which BLUE COLLAR tries to teach the working class is that it is impossible to win Don't even try because the odds are against you But the real lesson for the working class movement is that we must rely on our working-class brothers and sisters in order to win ★

Make Every Factory a Fortress!

● Radiator Workers Fight Take Aways

Mt Vernon, Illinois – On February 1, production workers at General Radiator Division of Chromalloy American Corporation went out on strike

The walkout is a direct answer to an attempt by the company to shift the burden of the present capitalist crisis onto the shoulders of the workers

The company demanded a new contract that would remove seniority benefits, combine jobs, lengthen the grievance procedure, put a cap on the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) and cut some wages by as much as 50%

For months, the company had been taking measures to intimidate and disorganize the workers It threatened that it might have to move to another location if the union (International Association of Machinists) asked for "too much" The company refused to settle grievances, forcing them to arbitration Key dies were removed from the plant and work was shipped out

As one worker said, "I've been here over 20 years, and this strike is the first thing I've ever seen them (the company) plan"

● Anaconda Workers Vote to Continue Strike

Paramount, California – Strikers at Anaconda American Brass rejected the latest company offer of 20 cents, 25 cents and 30 cents Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase over the next three years The workers, members of USWA Local 5726, have been on strike for five months demanding COLA with no cap (ceiling), so that payments keep up with the rate of inflation, no matter how high it goes

Workers refused to go back to work under a worse contract than they had before, despite months of demoralizing and wrecking activity by local union leadership The bureaucrats have taken every measure to squash any initiative or militancy that has come from the rank and file The local president and other officials have personally escorted scabs across the picket lines, causing many disgusted workers to give up picketing

To combat these class collaborationist policies, the MLOC has advanced to the workers a three point program for this strike

- Organize the rank and file to conduct the strike themselves and build broad support for the strike,
- Oppose in a conscious and organized way the sellout policies of the union leaders,
- Fight for communist leadership as the only way to regain control of the union

● Brockway Workers Fight Harassment of National Minority Workers

Oakland, California – Workers at Brockway Glass have begun to organize against the harassment of national minority workers In the last three months there has been a clear effort by the company to get rid of minority workers and replace them with inexperienced young whites, whom they hope to organize as a bloc against the whole workforce

Brockway workers waged a long strike last fall at the bottlemaking facility, against efforts by the company to double up their jobs Several recent cases of harassment have involved workers who were active in that strike

One Black man was fired for **touching** a foreman, a Black woman was fired for "misinformation" on her year-old employment application, a Chicano man was suspended for supposedly punching two time cards, and a Black man was suspended for disobeying an order that would have endangered himself and other workers In addition, many Filipinos and other minorities have been denied transfer or promotion even though they have clear seniority

Under the leadership of the MLOC, workers issued a leaflet denouncing these incidents and exposing the bureaucratic leadership of the local Glass Bottle Blowers Association for failing – and refusing – to take any effective actions against the company The workers are calling for workers of all nationalities to unite and organize themselves to make the union defend the workers against these attacks

RED SAND
VOICE OF THE MARXIST LENINIST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AT MIDLAND ROSS
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● Three New Shop Papers

Three new shop papers of the MLOC have appeared in recent weeks

In February, comrades and friends at General Motors Fremont, California plant began publication of **The Conveyor** In its first issue, **The Conveyor** compiles various facts to show that GM is planning layoffs in the near future and that the local union leadership refuses to prepare any resistance **The Conveyor** calls on workers to begin now, before the layoffs, to defend themselves

In March, two shop papers started up in the Chicago area. The **Steel City Organizer** is put out at U S Steel's Gary Works in Gary, Indiana The first issue exposes the deadly working conditions in the mill and calls for a democratically elected safety committee with the power to stop production in cases of uncorrected hazards

Red Sand is the new shop paper at Midland Ross, a foundry in Cicero, Illinois The first issue explains how incentives are used to divide the workers and increase the company's profits at the expense of the workers **Red Sand** calls for short-term measures to reform the incentive system and for a long-term struggle to abolish incentives entirely, in favor of a higher hourly wage for everyone

The recent upsurge in publication of shop papers is one result of the highly successful First Congress of the MLOC, held last fall

The new shop papers are vigorous new weapons of the class that have blossomed because of the correct Marxist-Leninist line of the MLOC and the determined application of that line by comrades and sympathetic workers

the CONVEYOR
Shop Paper of the Marxist Leninist Organizing Committee at GM Fremont

The struggle against opportunism is the pivot of our tactics in the trade union movement!

No Unemployment in Albania...

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reduced, not inflated The state guarantees the right to work, and at the same time requires it Members of the old exploiting classes who lived off the labor of others must now work to live Workers who lived only if they could find work are now guaranteed jobs

This is in sharp contrast to capitalism where unemployment is constant A 4% rate of unemployment is considered good by the U S bourgeoisie But it is hardly good for the 4,000,000 people this 4% statistic represents

Capitalism requires a certain percent of the population to remain unemployed This group is called the reserve army of the unemployed This "army" serves to keep the wages of workers down, which ensures steep profits for the capitalists

If every able bodied person in the U S worked, the capitalists would have no one to hire as scabs There would be no way to threaten the class with layoffs or to fine militant class fighters, because there would be no reserve workers to hire in their place The very nature of capitalism requires some workers to be constantly sacrificed in order for the capitalists to maintain control over the rest

The capitalists try to hide this from working people They blame unemployment on everything but their rotten system Right now they are blaming the striking miners But the more the U S working class learns about life under socialism, the clearer it will become that the solution to the problem of unemployment is socialist revolution ★

Whatever Happened to Steelworkers Fightback?

Sadlowski Campaign: The Lessons Learned

In the windows and on the walls in South Chicago, Birmingham and Pittsburgh, the old campaign posters can still be seen "Sadlowski Steelworkers Fight Back!" It has been a little over a year since Ed Sadlowski lost the election for President of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) to Lloyd McBride Today there is little left of the Steelworkers Fightback It is a hollow organization which is scarcely heard from even on issues on which it campaigned, such as against the ENA The Steelworkers Fightback took up the struggle against the ENA and for the rank and file right to ratify contracts in order to win an election for Ed Sadlowski, and not to mobilize and serve the interests of the steelworkers

The working class movement can learn many lessons for future struggles from this campaign

During the campaign Sadlowski played up his image as "oilcan Eddy", the beer-drinking buddy of steelworkers His main issue was opposition to the "never strike" Experimental Negotiating Agreement (ENA) McBride played this up in order to cut Sadlowski off from the 2/3rds of the union which is not under the ENA Sadlowski won in almost all of the big steelmills that are under the ENA and McBride took the rest of the union

Within the workers' movement various trends took different positions towards the Sadlowski campaign What was the correct stand and what stand should workers take towards future "rebel candidates"? In order to answer this question we must first analyze who Sadlowski was and what group he represented

Sadlowski came from the labor aristocracy in the steelmills, from among the skilled craft workers in the maintenance shops He was president of Local 65 at U S Steel's Southworks and district director of District 31 (Chicago-Gary) Sadlowski did oppose the more outrageous policies of I W Abel, like the ENA and the lack of rank-and file ratification of contracts But he did not challenge the basic ideology of the USWA or the ALF-CIO He did not oppose the concept of workers and capitalists working together in peace

As district director he failed to carry through the promises made to Black steelworkers that he would promote them to positions in the union

In the campaign Sadlowski did not organize the rank-and-file steelworkers to fight for their interests. He did not rely on the masses but on the liberal Democratic Party and the revisionist Communist Party, USA

What is clear from all this? Sadlowski did not represent the masses of steelworkers He sought to use the discontent of the vast majority of steelworkers to replace the Abel bureaucracy with one of his own making

Why then did so many steelworkers vote for Sadlowski? The majority of steelworkers in basic steel voted for him because he promised to give them back the right to strike and the right to ratify Many knew that he was not the solution to all the problems, but he was obviously a better choice than McBride

In this election there was clearly no candidate who would truly fight for the interests of the working class and not just for themselves So it was a question of which candidate would objectively aid the struggle of the steelworkers Because Sadlowski's program included opposition to the ENA and the right to ratify contracts by the rank and file, the MLOC correctly called for steelworkers to vote for Sadlowski However, we did not form an alliance with Sadlowski Forming alliances is a tactical consideration which must depend on the relative strength of the forces involved Communists must not form alliances with reformists, such as Sadlowski, unless they have a strong enough base in the working-class movement to guarantee their political independence

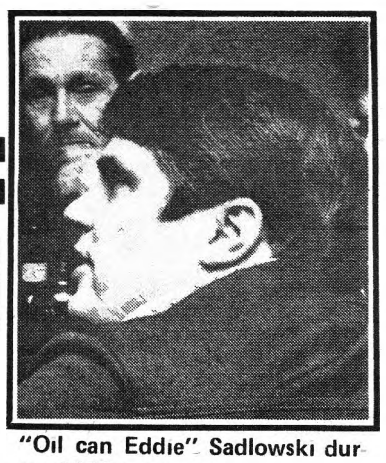
As the MLOC was in many ways just beginning to work in steel, the feasibility of this alliance did not exist We were not in a strong position to make any gains for the working class by such an alliance

But the MLOC made an error in the work on the elections We called on workers to vote for Sadlowski in the elections But we discouraged workers from actively working in the campaign

This represented a clear vacillation on our part We correctly identified Sadlowski as a reformist who could not solve the problems of the steelworkers Once in office Sadlowski would have betrayed the interests of steelworkers just as Arnold Miller has in the United Mine Workers of America However, as communists we do actively fight for greater democracy for the working class It would be a good thing in the USWA if workers had the right to strike and the right to ratify Inasmuch as Sadlowski would have allowed for greater democracy in the USWA, we should have actively worked to have him elected

Our task as communists was not to discourage workers from actively working to have him elected Our real task was to educate workers about the nature of reformism so that there would not be any illusions about what Sadlowski represented and what he would do

There were other organizations which did make alliances with Sadlowski – the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) and the CPUSA The CPUSA allied with Sadlowski hoping to ride to power on his coattails or gain some concessions from him after the election was over



"Oil can Eddie" Sadlowski during 1976 campaign

Having given up the class struggle long ago, these revisionists also preach reform as an end in itself They also do not mobilize the masses of steelworkers to fight for genuine fighting unions They instead want to take over this leadership themselves from the top down This is why so many of them are found in the labor aristocracy from which the vast majority of the trade union bureaucrats, like Sadlowski, come

The RCP also gave uncritical support to Sadlowski Although they did criticize him in their paper, "Revolution", their practice in the steelmills was to tail after him They were afraid to raise criticism of Sadlowski because they thought that workers would not understand

The RCP in turn hoped to be able to use the Steelworkers Fightback in order to build their National United Workers Organization During the entire election campaign their primary piece of agitation was around the formation of this organization They hoped to prey on the movement of the rank and file to promote this organization

The Communist Party (ML), known then as the October League, called for a boycott of the elections This was very consistent with their practice in the trade unions – they bad mouth the trade union bureaucrats and leave the capitalists alone These opportunists failed to support the movement for more democracy in the USWA which would have helped put the steelworkers in a better position to wage struggle against the capitalists and smash their agents, the trade union bureaucrats

Out of this election the workers' movement can learn some very important lessons These can aid all workers in the struggle to take back control of their unions and set them on a course of class struggle

1 Develop a Fighting Program

Steelworkers need a fighting program of demands which are in the interests of all rank and file workers The program cannot be based just on a single issue like opposition to the ENA Nor can a program be built primarily on a personality, such as Ed Sadlowski Based on this program, workers can judge whether or not a candidate should be elected, or whether to accept or reject a contract Recognizing this need of steelworkers, the MLOC is currently working on developing a fighting program for steel

2 Rely on the Rank and File

The working class movement cannot rely on rich liberals for money and support A genuine rank and file movement will succeed because it is built among the masses of workers, and fights for their interests

3 Organize and Fight in the Mills

The basic organization of the rank-and file movement must be built right in the mill It will be built by actually taking up the day to day struggles in the shops The movement will gain strength in these struggles The fight for steelworkers' demands will be won on the shop floor and not primarily at bargaining tables or in Washington D C

4 Fight for the Final Aims

All of our demands can be met fully only with the final emancipation of the working class and the establishment of socialism ★

Agency Shops: No Answer to Right to Work Laws

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"Agency Shops" will call on these North Carolina women tobacco workers to pay dues, but offer none of the benefits of unionization

George Meany has supported federal intervention in the coal strike and called on President Carter to invoke the Taft Hartley Act to send the miners back to the pits Meany must have "forgotten" that the AFL-CIO is supposed to be opposed to the restrictive provisions of the Taft Hartley Act

In addition to the back to-work "cooling off" period, Taft-Hartley also "protects" the workers' right to work without joining a union The law of the bourgeoisie is not concerned with workers' rights to a good job, safe working conditions, decent pay, health care and education Right to work laws protect not the workers' rights but the capitalists' right to undermine unions – the basic organization of the working class – and to scab on organized workers

These laws throw roadblocks in the way of union organizing drives and make it easier for a company to decertify a union by replacing union members with new, non-union workers The sell out trade union leaders, however, are most upset by the financial damage done by the right to work laws – the union is the bargaining agent for all the workers, but not all are dues-paying union members "Unfair!", squawk the bureaucrats "It's representation without taxation!"

The AFL-CIO's solution is not to build strong unions, which by their fighting class stance compel the support of the workers, but to lobby for "agency shops" in the right-to-work states and to beg Carter for labor law reform which will abolish these laws The agency shop is the dream of all union bureaucrats, and it lays bare their class-collaborationist aims

In an agency shop, according to an AFL-CIO pamphlet, a worker "need not join the union, need not attend union meetings, need not vote for union officers, need not participate in any way" – just pay dues The union leaders can take the money and run the bureaucrats will have no rank and file to be accountable to, no class interests to represent but their own capitalist aspirations, exposed for all to see

Clearly, the bureaucrats have no desire to organize the working class, they just want to reap a profit from the union business The agency shop is an insidious bourgeois scheme to enrich the bureaucrats and liquidate the unions at the same time

The multi national working class opposes both the right to work laws as well as the trade union bureaucrats' solution, the agency shop The working class does not want token unions, unions which just collect dues We want unions which will take up the struggles on the shop floor and fight to win them We want to build the kind of union which will fight for both our short term interests and our long term goal, socialism ★

An Open Letter

Requesting Discussions of the Draft Party Program and the Reconstitution of the Marxist-Leninist Party of the United States

March 15, 1978

On March 1, 1978, the Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee issued a **Draft Party Program** This Program has been submitted to the U S multi-national proletariat and its allies for consideration and criticism The **Draft Program** is a vital step in the preparation of the conditions for the reconstruction of the Party of the working class in the United States It is the first Marxist-Leninist Program for the guidance of the class struggle since the degeneration of the Communist Party USA in 1944

The MLOC is steadfastly committed to make every effort to unite all those dedicated to the victory of the proletariat over the bourgeoisie, the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, socialism and communism As a part of this process of building unity, discussions will be held with organizations around the **Draft Party Program**

Where these discussions show a very high level of unity around the strategy and tactics set out in the **Draft Party Program** and the Marxist-Leninist stand,viewpoint and method, the MLOC would look forward to a merger of organizations

With all those organizations who can unite in the distribution of the **Draft Party Program**, yet see significant differences to resolve on specific questions of tactics or any other outstanding questions, but not fundamental principles, we would enter into discussions for the formation of a Leninist organizing committee

Some organizations have carried out class struggle in the recent past, in one instance or another, but have committed fundamental revisions of Marxism-Leninism With these organizations we are prepared to meet and engage in struggle for the purpose of achieving unity over the correct path for proletarian revolution in this country

With consolidated counter-revolutionary organizations of long standing like the CPUSA and the various Trotskyist sects, there is no basis of struggle other than the war of our class against the bourgeoisie and these class collaborators

The subjective factors for revolution in the United States are now developing very rapidly Many earlier shades of differences have already become matters of life and death for the proletariat and can no longer be suppressed by unprincipled peace in large organizations or small collectives Major splits have begun and more will undoubtedly follow U S Marxist-Leninists must rally around a clear forthright statement of the revolutionary interests, aims and objectives of the U S proletariat This statement is embodied in the **Draft Party Program** In order to achieve the greatest possible genuine unity, to avoid unnecessary and harmful splits, the correct method to proceed is principled discussion on the **Draft Party Program** For these reasons we strongly urge a meeting of our organizations

This meeting should take place after your organization's review of the **Draft Party Program** This meeting should take place as soon as possible to facilitate any additional discussions which might be needed to achieve unity Arrangements regarding security and travel plans will be taken into consideration We would propose the following time and place for such a meeting

Please respond if this is acceptable or offer an alternative by April 15th, 1978

Central Committee
Marxist-Leninist Organizing Committee
P O Box 4781
Chicago, Illinois 60680

To:

August Twenty-ninth Movement (Marxist-Leninist)
Bay Area Communist Union
Buffalo Workers Movement
Central Organization of U S Marxist-Leninists
Chicago Communist Collective
Committee for a Proletarian Party
Communist Party, Marxist-Leninist
Communist Workers Group (Marxist-Leninist)
Colorado Organization for Revolutionary Struggle (Marxist-Leninist-Mao Tsetung Thought)
Durham Organizing Collective
Fruitvale Law Collective
I Wor Kuen
J-Town Collective
League of Struggle (Marxist-Leninist)
League for Proletarian Revolution (Marxist-Leninist)
Lexington Communist Collective
Los Angeles Workers Group
Marxist-Leninist Collective
Marxist-Leninists Forward
Pacifica Collective (Marxist-Leninist)
Philadelphia Workers' Organizing Committee
Potomac Socialist Organization
Proletarian Unity League
Red Dawn Committee (Marxist-Leninist)
Revolutionary Communist League (Marxist-Leninist-Mao Tsetung Thought)
Revolutionary Communist Party, U S A
Seattle Communist Workers Group
Sunrise Book Collective
Tucson Marxist-Leninist Collective
Wichita Communist Cell
Workers Congress (Marxist-Leninist)
Workers Viewpoint Organization

If there are other collectives or organizations which were omitted from this list and who are interested in discussing the **Draft Party Program**, please contact the MLOC in order to arrange a meeting

Build the Party of the Working Class!

A Call for Questions

The **Draft Party Program** sets out the true aims, objectives and demands of the working class in battle against U S imperialism This **Draft Party Program** will provide the basis for a new Marxist-Leninist Party to be formed soon On May 1st – the International Day of Workers Solidarity we will begin a series of commentaries on this Program These commentaries will explain important aspects of the Program, and draw demarcation with all other opportunist trends in the U.S In order to deepen the understanding of the proletariat and its allies, we will respond to questions and criticisms of the Program

Do you have questions about the Program you would like answered?

Are there parts of the Program you would like explained in depth?

Are there differences with the Program you would like discussed in the pages of **UNITE!**?

If so, send your questions and comments Please forward these by May Day if possible Questions received after this date will be responded to after the commentaries are completed Send all mail to MLOC, PO Box 4781, Chicago, Illinois 60680 U S A

Draft Party Program

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On the 25th Anniversary of His Death

Remembering Stalin's Contributions to Revolution

Twenty five years ago, on March 5, 1953, Josef V Stalin died Stalin was a revolutionary from the age of 15 After the death of Lenin, he led the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Soviet state for thirty years

He was the outstanding figure in the international communist movement of the period, and his passing was mourned not only by the peoples of the U S S R but by communists, workers, and oppressed peoples fighting for liberation the world over On the other hand, the news of his death was greeted with undisguised joy by the capitalists reactionaries, and counter revolutionaries everywhere

A young Joseph Stalin (left) and a photo of Stalin taken shortly after World War II (right)

Stalin's Contributions

What are Stalin's main contributions to the world revolutionary movement?

His most important theoretical and practical activity revolved around the building of socialism in one country When the October Revolution was not followed by successful revolutions in the more advanced countries of Europe, Trotsky and others declared that the Russian revolution was doomed But the masses, led by their Bolshevik Party, were determined to advance, even under the most difficult conditions

After Lenin's death, it fell to Stalin to defend and develop the thesis on the possibility of building socialism in one country and to lead the actual socialist construction Within a decade of incredible effort, sacrifice and heroism, the Soviet people had collectivized agriculture, transformed their backward country into a modern socialist state that had wiped out unemployment All this occurred at the same time that the capitalist world was paralyzed by the Great Depression This was a stunning proof of the superiority of socialism for the peoples of the world!

There is no doubt that this rapid socialist transformation made it possible for the U S S R to play the leading role in the defeat of fascism in World War II It was Stalin's leadership and personal courage that inspired the Red Army when the Nazi invaders were only miles from Moscow

After World War II, under Stalin's leadership, a powerful socialist camp comprising ten states in Europe and Asia came into being The cohesion and solidarity of this camp was a vital factor in the first major blow dealt to American hegemony – the Korean war

Struggle Against Opportunism

To achieve these victories, Stalin had to expose and defeat the opportunists and enemy agents who had worked their way into the Party and state apparatus Stalin firmly dealt with these enemies of the proletariat At the same time, he conducted a genuine ideological struggle against their dangerous lines, painstakingly analyzing the roots of their errors and the consequences of putting them into practice These analyses, collected in the book, **On the Opposition**, bear witness to Stalin's skill in combating both "left" and right opportunism

In the later years of his life, Stalin recognized the danger of capitalist restoration led by the modern revisionist trend in the CPSU(B) Death cut short his struggle against this trend, and the modern revisionists emerged triumphant at the 20th Party Congress in 1956, when Khrushchev delivered his famous secret speech about the so-called crimes of Stalin

But history has proven conclusively that the modern revisionists are the true criminals against socialism

It is Khrushchev, Brezhnev and Kosygin who

- Brought back the tsarist policy of forced russification of the non Great Russian nationalities Stalin had upheld the self determination of all nations It is because of his analysis that U S workers understand that Black and Chicano peoples are oppressed nations with the right to self determination,
- Imposed an unequal "division of labor" on the Eastern European socialist countries Stalin had promoted the balanced development of the economies of all these countries,
- Sent tanks to invade the "fraternal country" of Czechoslovakia when it moved too close to Western imperialism, something Stalin refused to do when Tito betrayed socialism in Yugoslavia,
- Put profit in command of Soviet industry, and unleashed private production in the countryside Stalin denounced these policies as counter revolutionary in **Economic Problems of Socialism in the U S S R**

The crimes of Stalin in the eyes of the imperialists and social imperialists are his devotion to building socialism, and his single-minded defense of the dictatorship of the proletariat

It is for these attacks against capital that the proletariat will forever honor his memory

A quarter century after Stalin's death, the position one takes on the question of Stalin is a touchstone of one's attitude towards the dictatorship of the proletariat To echo the bourgeoisie's attacks on Stalin is to attack 30 years of working class rule and to go over to the enemy The MLOC proudly holds that Stalin was a great Marxist Leninist

In Guatemala

Indian Miners March Against Shutdown

Mam Indian miners from the village of Ixtahuacan marched 200 miles to the capital of Guatemala, Guatemala City in early November of last year The miners, who worked in a locally owned mine producing tungsten and antimony for export, marched to protest a mine shut down and the firing of all 300 miners which coincided with an ongoing bargaining session for a new contract

Seventy one miners and their families marched Thousands of people, mostly peasant farmers, came out to the highway with food, clothing and money and other offerings of solidarity The miners' march for reinstatement became a powerful, spontaneous show of general discontent

But for the ruling classes perhaps the most threatening aspect of the march was that for the first time large sectors of the Indian population demonstrated openly, side by side with industrial workers, small farmers (minifundistas) and migrant workers Workers in most major plants in the capital organized a fund-raising support campaign

The strength of the march and its support forced the government to submit to the miners' demands, and pressured the company to reinstate all of them with reassurance of no reprisals The announcement was made two days before the marchers were scheduled in Guatemala City, in hopes of ending the march before it arrived But the miners and their supporters turned the event into a victory celebration, and marched into the city where they were met by 80,000 people

From the Pages of History

Puerto Rican Nationalists Attack Capital

Acting to protest the colonialization and subjugation of the Puerto Rican people by U S imperialism, four members of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party entered the House of Representatives on **March 1, 1954** and shot at politicians The four were Andres Cordero, Irving Flores, Rafael Miranda and Lolita Lebron All but Andres Cordero remain in jail, the longest-held political prisoners in the western hemisphere Their act was designed to call attention to the plight of the Puerto Rican people They stand out as heroes in the continuing struggle to free Puerto Rico from U S imperialist rule

Third Communist International Founded

On **March 6, 1919**, on the initiative of the Bolshevik Party led by Lenin, a congress of communist parties of various countries met in Moscow and founded the Third Communist International The congress adopted a manifesto to the proletariat of all countries, calling on them to wage determined struggle for the dictatorship of the proletariat

Victory of the February Revolution in Russia

In 1917, the tsarist army suffered defeat at the hands of the German imperialists Millions of Russian people died The country was in economic chaos The masses were organizing against the war and the hated tsarist regime

Beginning in January, strikes spread like wildfire, and took on the character of an uprising in early March The tsarist troops refused to fire on the workers and began to line up with the people The ministries were dispersed by the people of Petrograd Soviets of Workers and Soldiers Deputies were set up to govern the country

On **March 12, 1917** (new calendar) the hated tsarist regime was overthrown Under the leadership of Lenin and the Bolshevik Party, the democratic revolution of February triumphed The first step towards socialism had been achieved

Karl Marx Dies

On **March 14, 1883** Karl Marx, great leader and teacher, founder of scientific socialism and the materialist theory of knowledge, died in London

Sharpeville Massacre

To protest South Africa's oppressive pass laws, the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC) called upon Blacks to leave their pass books at home on **March 21, 1960**, go to the police station and demand to be arrested The pass laws require Black Africans to carry papers in order to travel from one part of the city or country to another

In the town of Sharpeville, 10,000 men, women and children marched The police opened fire on the crowd killing 69 and injuring 200 The Sharpeville Massacre marked the end of the period of peaceful protest in Azania It had become clear that only armed struggle could liberate the nation

Scottsboro Boys

On **March 25, 1931** in Paint Rock, Alabama, nine Black youths were pulled from a freight train and jailed, framed for the rape of two white women The nine became known as the Scottsboro Boys, and a world wide campaign was waged to free them The case revealed the brutal system of national oppression exising in the Black Nation The then revolutionary Communist Party USA led the campaign through a seven year trial, mobilizing tens of thousands of supporters, which saved the nine from the electric chair Only last year the last survivor, Albert Norris, was pardoned, 46 years after the frame up

Triangle Shirtwaist Company Fire

On Saturday afternoon, **March 25, 1911**, passersby heard an explosion and saw thick black smoke billowing from the roof of the Triangle Shirtwaist Company in New York City Within a few hours the charred bodies of 154 garment workers, mostly young women, covered the sidewalk Some had jumped to their death, the rest had been roasted alive jammed against the locked exit doors The company had locked the doors to prevent "loss of goods" The owners were obviously more concerned about their profits than the workers' lives

Paris Commune Proclaimed

With France suffering defeat at the hands of Bismarck in the Franco-Prussian war, the nation was in turmoil The armed workers of Paris kept the German invaders at bay On March 19, 1871, the Central Committee of the Paris National Guard met and decreed elections for the Paris Commune The Commune was proclaimed on **March 28, 1871** The Paris Commune, though brief and defeated by the French bourgeoisie, was the first workers' government and the first glimpse of the coming struggles and inevitable victory of the proletariat The Paris Commune taught the world's proletariat to pose concretely the task of socialist revolution

Jailed after Sharpeville, Stood for Armed Resistance

Azanian Leader Sobukwe Dies

Mangaliso Robert Sobukwe, founding member and President of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (PAC) died February 26 at the age of 53 Sobukwe died of lung cancer in a Kimberley hospital after a prolonged illness His death undoubtedly was connected with the inadequate medical attention given him during his 18 years of detention by the racist South African government

Sobukwe was held in highest esteem by the masses of Azanians struggling for liberation His indominatable spirit shown throughout his long years of struggle and imprisonment inspired many Azanian liberation fighters to press on through the difficult conditions of illegally carrying on struggle inside Azania

Sobukwe will always be remembered for his pivotal role in the struggle inside the African National Congress (ANC) against the adoption of the "Freedom Charter" This proposal denied the leading role of the Black masses in the struggle to overthrow the white minority apartheid regime He led the break with the reformist ANC leadership and the founding of the PAC in 1959 This event decisively pointed out the road ahead of mass struggle against apartheid

Sobukwe and the PAC initiated the Positive Action Campaign in 1960 which had thousands of Azanians refusing to carry the hated "passbook" These demonstrations led to the infamous Sharpeville Massacre where 69 people were killed and hundreds wounded while demonstrating before the Sharpeville police station

From this bloody slaughter at Sharpeville, and the jailing of its leaders, the PAC summed up that the path to Azanian liberation could only be won through armed struggle and not through non violence

Sobukwe was arrested at the time of the Sharpeville Massacre for failing to carry his passbook He was kept under detention for the rest of his life under a law especially aimed at leaders of the liberation movement which permitted indefinite detention for anyone calling for the overthrow of apartheid

Under this law, Sobukwe spent seven years, most in solitary confinement, at the notorious Robbens Island In 1967, he was placed under permanent house arrest He was under constant surveillance and could not go out after dark, meet with more than two people at one time or attend political events

Despite all of these efforts to break his spirit and make him submit, he remained confident of the Azanian people's cause And he still managed to carry on political work and give guidance to PAC

Sobukwe's life was an inspiration to all freedom fighters in Azania and throughout the world He was a genuine internationalist who understood the unity of the world's peoples in their struggle against imperialism

We join with our Azanian comrades in mourning the loss of Sobukwe We must all turn grief into strength and carry on the struggle against apartheid, imperialism and all reaction until final victory ★

Strikes, Slowdowns Advance Chilean Resistance

The Resistance Movement in Chile, led by the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile, has been growing daily in the class warfare to overthrow the fascist junta of Pinochet 1977 marked some significant advances for the struggle of the Chilean people to overcome fascist repression and exploitation A brief summary of some of these struggles was published in the Chilean Anti Fascist News Agency (ANCHA), in January, 1978

The people's resistance is on the rise, led by the Revolutionary Communist Party of Chile Chilean workers at demonstration (above)

In 1977, the Chilean workers' contribution to the anti fascist struggle took many forms slowdowns, strikes in some major industries, and struggle to gain control of the trade unions from fascist leaders, informers and spies Copper miners of the "El Teniente" mine have been out on strike since November Dockworkers have staged slowdowns and one day work stoppages, demanding better wages and working conditions and an end to overtime

The struggle in the countryside has focused on peasants' resistance to displacements and land seizures, and for technical and financial assistance and genuine agrarian reforms

On March 8, 1977, "hundreds of women held the first big demonstration at the entrance of the High Court demanding the clearing up of the fate of over 500 'missing' persons"

Students have launched a strenuous struggle against high entrance fees at the universities, and obligatory examinations which have resulted in the expulsion of many working class students

During 1977, the RCPC held its successful Second National Congress In addition, a delegation of youth of the RCPC attended the First Congress of the Revolutionary Youth Union of Portugal

The conditions of struggle in Chile are severe Leaders of trade unions, committees demanding information on 'missing' persons detained by the junta, Communist Party members and any individuals or groups who oppose fascism, are arrested, assassinated, tortured or thrown out of work

Despite these conditions and the difficulties of clandestine work, 1977 proves the Chilean people continue to raise the level and organization of their struggle, and fight to overthrow the junta Every possible assistance to the heroic peoples of Chile and the RCPC must be given by the international proletariat, and the multi national proletariat of the U S , in particular

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Fascist dictator Pinochet reviewing troops armed to crush the people's resistance

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Palestinian Rights...

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is confronted with popular discontent Even according to Andy Young, there was a threatened coup in Egypt The economy is in a shambles Essential commodities are not available So Sadat resorts to demagogy, he attacks Cyprus He sends in commandos to invade the airport at Larnaca According to the Cypriots, Cairo did not inform them that the plane would be carrying commandos They said the plane would be going to help negotiate the release of the hostages Now you would normally think that would mean a dignitary, but not commandos! Sadat said that if this act succeeded it would be like Entebbe It would show the world that Entebbe, Mogadishu and Larnaca is the response to terrorists In more than one way it was a recognition of the legitimacy of the Israeli attack on Entebbe airport And now he is trying to pin the failure on the Palestinians

In order to divert the Egyptian people he gave a funeral for the "fallen heroes" There were thousands and thousands of people in the streets condemning the Palestinians.

UNITE! – Do you think that the problems which have developed among the various Arab countries as a result of Sadat's "initiative" towards a peace settlement have harmed the struggle of the Palestinians?

PLO – Well, you see, any diversion, no matter how temporary or short-lived it is, does harm us What has happened now is that for the last six months we have been involved in inter-Arab struggles, which really handicaps and offsets our struggle both politically, diplomatically and even on the field Israel and the U S have a free hand now So what he has done has harmed our struggle, but it has not killed it

UNITE! – Do you think the supply of the F5 fighter planes to Sadat from the U S represents a significant development?

PLO – Naturally He needs them to use against the revolutionary movement in Africa

UNITE! – You don't think that they will be used against Israel?

PLO – The F5s against the Israelis' F16s is nothing It is sort of a joke, you know

UNITE! – What is the internal situation in Israel?

PLO – The situation is terrible Only the other day the situation had reached such an extent that they could no longer hide the fact that there is a Mafia there There are now 300,000 Israeli Jews working in the U S Now, those people did not leave because they had a happy life The economy is in a shambles The peace move by Sadat was utilized to the utmost by Begin To strike at the working class you use either war or peace hysteria Previously the Israeli government would say "we are surrounded by enemies who want to destroy Israel" Now they say "we are surrounded by friends who love us Don't create obstacles for us Don't talk about your problems and your wages"

UNITE! – What steps does the PLO see taking in the future to achieve its rights, given the current situation?

PLO – That is hard to say Every day we confront immediate issues For example, last week, we were involved in an Israeli form of an invasion of south Lebanon They surrounded five villages, put barbed wire up on Lebanese territory, they were bombarding our camps where the refugees live This is a matter of real concern to us In Beirut itself, the fascists have started shooting to create an air of instability in Beirut So sometimes we have to suspend our strategy in order to confront immediate problems which confront us That is where we are now, we are in a confrontation process, to confront Sadat, Begin and Carter

UNITE! – Lastly, do you have statements you would like to make to the progressive people of the U S about their tasks in support of the Palestinian struggle?

PLO – It would be the greatest help to us if they can see to it that the billions of dollars from their taxes are not paid to finance aggression in our area

Eritrea has Chosen the Path of New Democracy

The victory of the Eritrean people's struggle — the picture shows the jubilant EPLA and EPLF near a base camp

Eritrean Photo

Second in a series written for **UNITE!** *by the Association of Eritrean Students in North America (AESNA)*

The Eritrean people's struggle under the leadership of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) is a truly revolutionary, anti-imperialist and anti feudalist struggle, travelling along the path of new democracy It is a mighty component part of the world proletarian socialist revolution dealing imperialism a heavy blow at one of its weakest links

The path the EPLF has charted is a correct path for the achievement of the Eritrean people's age-old aspirations for national independence and people's democracy EPLF has clarified the character, objectives, motive forces and clearly defined the strategy and tactics of the revolution

The Eritrean struggle is a national democratic revolution to liberate Eritrea from Ethiopian colonial occupation, imperialism and Zionism and to build a people's democratic Eritrea as a transitional stage towards the building of a socialist society The struggle is based on a solid worker peasant alliance and unites all patriotic classes and groups under the leadership of the proletariat

In leading the Eritrean national democratic revolution the EPLF has correctly addressed itself to the crucial issues facing the revolution EPLF's national democratic program adopted by the First Congress held in the liberated areas in January 1977 is a revolutionary program crystallizing the deepest aspirations and interests of the Eritrean people and reflecting the EPLF's revolutionary line EPLF's program calls for

○ the establishment of a people's democratic Eritrea,

○ a self reliant, independent and planned national economy,

○ safeguarding the unity and equality of all Eritrean nationalities,

○ the development of a revolutionary culture, education and health care,

○ the complete equality of women with men in the economic, political, social and cultural life, and

○ a foreign policy of peace, of non alignment, of anti imperialist solidarity with all just and revolutionary movements

Thus, the immediate aim of the Eritrean revolution is to totally destroy Ethiopian colonial rule and the vestiges of imperialism and Zionism, smash internal reaction, and establish a people's democratic state Through correct leadership and by winning spectacular victories the EPLF has brought the Eritrean struggle to the verge of its complete victory Ethiopian colonial occupation in Eritrea is in its death throes The occupation forces are besieged in the few cities they still control, waiting with immense fear and terror to be buried in their trenches

The EPLF is foiling the machinations of various counter-revolutionary forces against the Eritrean revolution It has stood firm against the U S imperialists' counter-revolutionary maneuvers in the region, in Ethiopia and in Eritrea, and their neo-colonialist designs for the Eritrean question by promoting the counter revolutionary Sabbe clique The EPLF has likewise firmly stood against Israeli Zionism

Recently the Soviet Union, Cuba, East Germany and others have come out in full support of the Ethiopian fascist junta and against the just and revolutionary struggle of the Eritrean people The EPLF has answered the Soviet and Cuban all-out support for the fascist junta by holding high the banner of national liberation and protracted people's war, capturing and destroying several Soviet weapons, downing Soviet supplied Mig 21s and annihilating the occupation troops

The Eritrean struggle has amply demonstrated that it is a revolutionary struggle embraced by the entire Eritrean people which no counter revolutionary force can crush The Eritrean war is a people's war, a mighty revolutionary torrent capable of defeating any counter revolutionary force whatever its might

Furthermore, the Eritrean revolution is an integral part of the world wide anti-imperialist struggle enjoying the support and solidarity of the revolutionary and democratic forces throughout the world

Implementing the national democratic line in all aspects of the revolutionary struggle the EPLF is successfully leading the revolution forward Adhering to the revolutionary principles of protracted people's war and self-reliance the EPLF is destroying the oppressive colonial rule and establishing people's power by organizing and arming the masses In the vast liberated areas a deep-going social transformation of Eritrea is taking place The peasant masses are taking over their land and the economic foundations of tomorrow's independent and democratic Eritrea are being laid

The EPLF wages resolute struggle against all forms of reaction within the Eritrean liberation movement It disseminates the revolutionary theory of the proletariat among the masses in order to arm them with an indispenable ideological and political weapon to thoroughly wage the class struggle Since the national unity of the Eritrean people is a strategic question the Eritrean revolution has to answer, the EPLF attaches great importance to realizing this objective

Towards this end the EPLF has been and is waging a courageous struggle to form a national united front with the Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) At the same time, the EPLF has exposed and isolated the traitorous and counter-revolutionary elements The Sabbe clique's expulsion from the EPLF in March 1976 and the subsequent stern struggle waged against it is a great political and ideological achievement of the thorough going revolutionary forces

By exposing and isolating the reactionary forces the EPLF has asserted its dominant position in the revolution and has rallied the Eritrean masses behind it The EPLF-led Eritrean revolution fulfills the deepest aspirations of the Eritrean masses That is why it has their whole hearted and staunch support and that is why it is going to triumph The Eritrean revolution will definitely emerge victorious ★

AESNA, together with the Association of Eritrean Women in North America, has launched a campaign to build Radio Liberation Eritrea The radio station is needed to help educate and organize the masses of Eritrean people **UNITE!** supports this campaign Please send all contributions to

Radio Liberation Eritrea
c/o **UNITE!**
P O Box 8041

Chicago, Illinois, 60680
Make all checks payable to "Radio Liberation Eritrea"

Masses Threaten Somoza Regime

Time Running Out for Nicaragua Fascist

Since the middle of January, Nicaragua has been swept by an increasingly broad wave of strikes and demonstrations on the part of the workers, peasants and national bourgeois forces More recently, the workers and peasants have escalated the armed struggle against the Somoza regime

In Nicaragua, the main plunderer and oppressor of the peoples is U S imperialism In 1933, the U S Marines left Nicaragua and handed over the Nicaraguan National Guard to the Somoza family Since then, this family has held the U S franchise for oppressing the Nicaraguan people through open terrorism In return, the U S imperialists have not only extracted billions in profits from the Nicaraguan people but have used Nicaragua as a launching pad for subversion of other countries It was from Nicaragua that the U S staged the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba

Today, as with other heads of fascist regimes in Central and South America, time is running out for Somoza Faced by armed struggle, Somoza has promised reforms and even an extra month's pay to workers The promise of reforms has been accepted by some of the opposition business leaders, but the workers and peasants are having nothing to do with this tactic, and have kept up their barricades and armed attacks on the hated National Guard ★

"Korean Scandal" Obscures Question of Korean Reunification

Tongsun Park Testifies to Bribery of Congressmen

Tongsun Park continues to testify on Capitol Hill before House and Senate investigating committees about alleged influence peddling and connections with the Korean CIA Mr Park is reported to have distributed three quarters of a million dollars to American Congressmen between 1970 and 1975

He has been indicted on 36 counts of influence peddling by a federal court in Washington In a deal to coax him back to Washington from South Korea, where he fled when the scandal broke, he has been granted immunity from prosecution in return for testimony

Park was born in Korea in 1935 His father was a Korean distributor for the Gulf Oil Corporation Park went to school in the U S and became a rice commodities dealer Later he inherited the Gulf business and built up a variety of other concerns

As a rice dealer he handled transactions with South Korea He worked with growers in California, Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana, who are heavy exporters of rice to South Korea Through Congressional lobbying, these growers pressured South Korea to buy heavily from the U S The terms of the foreign sales agreement between the U S and Korean states guarantee more profit than can be made by sales to private markets

South Korea, a major rice grower, must import thousands of tons of rice from the U S because of U S imperialist domination of this Asian country

Facts prove Park spent millions of dollars to bribe U S Congressmen to support foreign sale agreements and to wheel and deal with U S agri business barons The question that puzzles Congress is whether or not Park bribed and connived as a Korean CIA agent Extremely close ties exist between Park and KCIA agents in Washing

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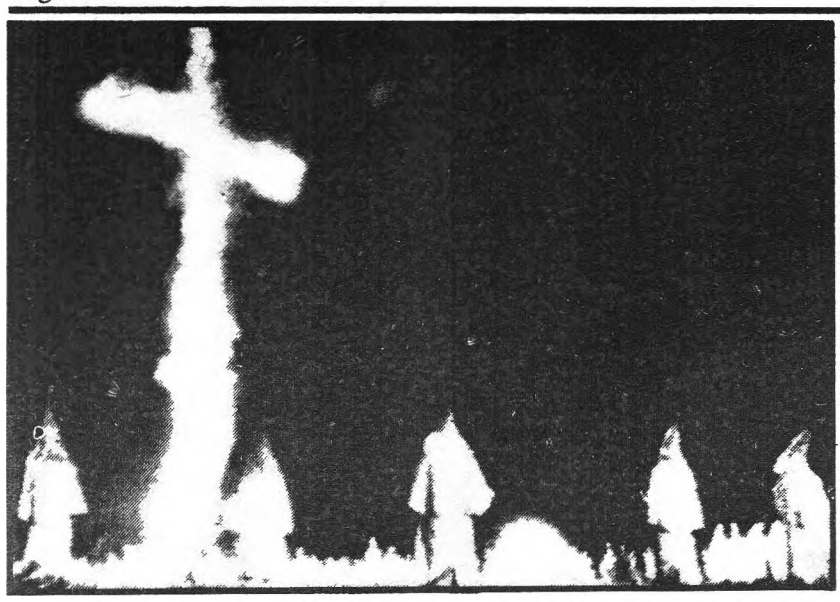
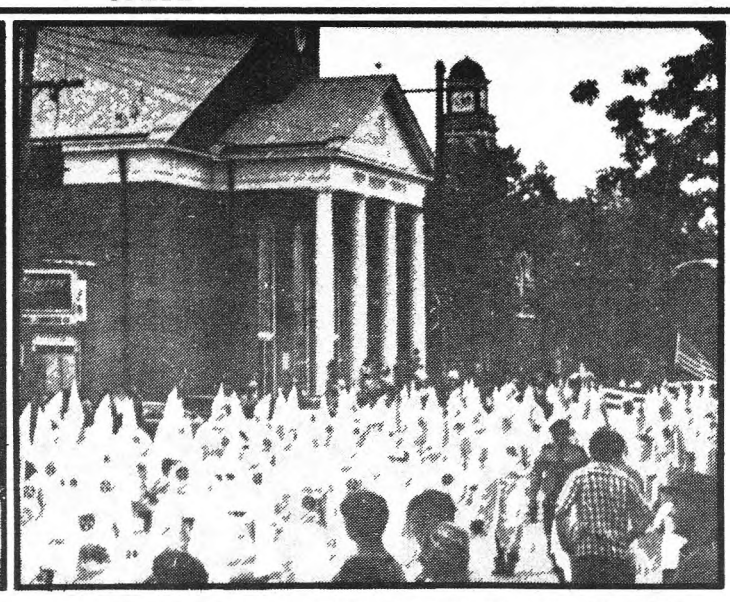
DPRK Photo

Workers in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea at a plywood factory





AN OPEN LETTER TO WHITE WORKERS
on the Ku Klux Klan

Know Your Enemy!

Burning crosses are appearing across the country White-hooded gangs are marching in the streets in Marquette Park, Illinois, Pascagoula, Mississippi, and Boston, Massachusetts In 1976, a young Black man, James Calhoune, was lynched in Sunflower County, Mississippi Vigilantes roam the U S Mexican border Buddy Cochran sits in jail today as a result of his attack on the Klan

The Ku Klux Klan claims that their actions are done for you – the white working class in the U S What is the **real** story behind the KKK and who do they **really** work for?

Who Is the KKK?

The founders of the KKK were Confederate Army generals whose wealth and power were threatened by the demands of Black people and poor white farmers for land and political power after the Civil War To protect their own power, these "finest sons of the old South" organized the KKK This private secret army of the propertied classes ruled through a reign of terror of masked riders, rapes, burnings and lynchings, spreading racist lies in order to divide Blacks and whites against each other

Today the KKK is not much different The membership of the KKK is not in the main the guy on the assembly line, the steelworker, miner or shipyard worker It is now mainly made uo of foremen, police, prison guards, lawyers, businessmen and small time gangsters It is closely associated with and financed by, the White Citizens Councils and elite powerful groups of bankers, planters, merchants and politicians, like Senator James Eastland

The leadership of the KKK tells us which class they really serve For example, David Duke is a young college graduate, former member of the Nazi Party, CIA spy in Southeast Asia and now the Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan J B Stoner, head of the National States' Rights Party is a lawyer He was indicted for the murder of four young Black girls in a church in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963 In "Bloody" Harlan county, site of miners' valiant struggle for unionization, it is not the miners who are KKK members It is Sheriff Marion Millis and his entire office who work with the Klan Many other fascist leaders like Reverend Fowler of the California Knights and Ralph Pryor, former Grand Dragon of New York were also members of the American Nazi Party

Is the Program of the KKK in the Interests of White Workers?

The goal of the Klan is to bring about fascism in the U S Fascism is an open rule of terror by the most reactionary arm of the ruling class When it is no longer able to rule by so called democratic methods, the ruling class resorts to open, brutal military terror

Under fascism, organizing unions, striking, and other democratic rights are forbidden Communists, revolutionary leaders and members of trade unions, national minority peoples, members of various religious and ethnic groups are put into prisons, tortured and exterminated Women are degraded Pornography and decadent sexual practices are common

This is the program of the fascists in the U S The KKK is against the Equal Rights Amendment The Klan is anti Jewish and most KKK groups are anti Catholic as well They fight the equality of different nationalities, they actively call for the extermination of Black people and work as agents of the state to expose and destroy the Black and Chicano national liberation movements They initiate and support beatings, lynchings and rapes of Blacks, Chicanos and revolutionary white workers Their goal is to destroy all those who speak for equality, liberation and socialism Their tactic is straightforward divide through national chauvinism and racism, and conquer through force and terror

Why is the Klan Growing Today?

The Klan is on the rise because U S imperialism is in big trouble All over the world the capitalists are faced with revolutionary movements of workers and national liberation struggles Their markets and sources of raw materials are shrinking At home, there is a growing revolutionary tide

The U S imperialists dream of reversing this trend by fighting and winning another world war of plunder and aggression To prepare conditions favorable to war the bourgeoisie is dusting off the Klan and other fascist groups on the domestic scene Using terror, they intend to force the U S working class into submission, break the growing revolutionary workers' and national-liberation struggles and build acceptance for the horrors of another imperialist war

The danger of the Klan is that it appeals to the genuine needs and aspirations of the working class by claiming to have the solution to poverty, unemployment, oppression and other symptoms of the general crisis of capitalism

The working class does not want another imperialist war We know that it is our sons and daughters who will die to enrich the imperialists in wars of plunder We oppose terrorism and the extermination of our class or our allies whether they are Black or white, Jews or Catholics The only war the working class will fight is class war to exterminate and suppress the bourgeoisie and its fascist agents.

We Can Stop the Klan and the Rise of Fascism

The influence of the KKK goes far beyond its numbers. Its very existence is a symbol of terror and repression against the entire working class, a constant threat to the class unity that is essential for our victory The influence of white chauvinism in capitalist society is very strong Unless that influence is destroyed, along with its carriers like the KKK, the reactionary trade union leaders and the whole state apparatus, then the working class and oppressed nations will be unable to liberate themselves from the chains of wage slavery and national oppression, and achieve socialism It is only under socialism, which is the rule of the working class, that these enemies will be finally suppressed and the equality of all nationalities will be guaranteed

It is in the interests of every white worker in the U S to stand up and expose these phony Klan "friends" as the enemies which they are It is the obligation of each and every white worker to say "No!" to the racist lies of the KKK The entire multi national working class must link arms with the struggles for national liberation and democratic rights throughout the world and in the U S , and oppose all reactionary and racist ideas which seek to destroy this alliance In particular, in the U S , support for the right of the Black and Chicano Nations to self determination must be absolutely resolute and unwavering before the terror of the Klan

Today, in every trade union, community organization, church and workplace, we must organize to defeat the KKK and all reaction As a minimum program for dealing with the Klan and other fascist organizations, we must raise the following demands and fight for them until they are won

- ○ Oppose all forms of white chauvinism and racism Fight for full democratic rights of all oppressed nations and national minorities
- ○ Defend the right of armed self defense against the Klan
- ○ Fight for an end to lynching
- ○ Free all political prisoners jailed for fighting against the Klan, such as Buddy Cochran
- ○ Prohibit the KKK, Nazis and other fascists from using public parks, buildings or facilities for meetings or for disseminating their lies Prevent the fascists from marching and demonstrating in our neighborhoods and communities
- ○ Prohibit Klan activity in our trade unions Bar membership in trade unions and the military from Klan members or other fascists
- ○ Klan and Nazi organizers must be prevented from distributing literature or disseminating their propaganda in our workplaces
- ○ Outlaw the Klan and the Nazis as organizations Make membership or participation in their activities punishable under law
- ○ Boycott businesses which support the Klan or Nazis
- ○ Support the right of self-determination for the Black Nation in the Black Belt South and the Chicano Nation in the Southwest, up to and including secession

Death to the Klan!

Korea...

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ton Were these bribes in fact influence peddling by a foreign government or merely capitalist business practices?

For the proletariat, this is a meaningless question The state is a tool of the capitalist class Bourgeois lackeys in government represent the capitalist class, uphold bourgeois views and exhibit the same corruption, decadence and moral degeneration

The financial wheeling and dealing, the special trade agreements, even the socializing on Capitol Hill indicate the links between the U S capitalists and the Korean bourgeoisie It is clear that while the U S imperialists exploit the Korean people, they keep in power in South Korea a small bourgeois clique that works hand in glove with the U S bourgeoisie to exploit the Korean people

The "Korean Scandal" has created some anti Korean sentiment and obscured the main question the U S working class must ask about South Korea How to get the U S imperialists out of South Korea?

A year ago, **UNITE!** published an article in support of the National Salvation Proposal of 18 Korean political parties, including the Workers' Party of Korea The Proposal is a plan to reunify Korea and allow the Korean people to exercise self determination In order for this to occur, the U S must dismantle all nuclear bases and withdraw all troops and weaponry from Korean soil The fascist Pak Jung Hi clique in South Korea is kept in power only by U S backing

UNITE! reaffirms its proletarian internationalist support for the Workers' Party of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people in their struggle for reunification and socialist construction We oppose the U S imperialist occupation of South Korea and demand that all U S troops be withdrawn from Korean soil ★

Black Liberation Fighter Dies in Prison

UNITE! was saddened to learn of the death of Black liberation fighter Fred (Ahmed) Evans He died of cancer at age 46 while serving a life sentence at the Lucasville, Ohio Correctional Institute

A community leader in Cleveland, Evans was a leading proponent of Black Power and armed self defense He was falsely convicted in 1969 of the slaying of three policemen during the 1968 Cleveland Rebellion

He was accused of directing a "conspiracy to murder policemen" But the defense showed that Evans never murdered any one and that the real conspiracy was to remove him from the community The trial proved that the police had touched off the rebellion and shoot-out by cruising through the Black community in a provacative manner

Evan's unjust imprisonment and death serves as a reminder to us that the fight for Black liberation continues And that our common enemy – the imperialist ruling class – must be overthrown if Black people and the working class are to be freed from exploitation and oppression

Energy Monopolies Rush to Grab Coal and Uranium Deposits

Navajos Battle against Plunder of their Land

Ever since the 1500's when Cononado's army cut a bloody swath across the Southwest in search of the Seven cities of gold, Native Indians have suffered the brutal effects of mineral madness Under U S domination the Sioux in South Dakota lost their Black Hills in the 1876 gold rush Later the Oklahoma tribes were driven off their reservations when oil was discovered beneath their land

And now, with the drive toward energy self sufficiency, the energy monopolies are rushing to grab the coal and uranium that lies in expansive beds beneath Indian land But the Native peoples are coming together to wage struggle against the appropriation of their wealth and the destruction of their land and way of life, and against the forced removal from their homes

Navajos near Burnham, New Mexico in the eastern portion of the Navajo reservation have filed suit against the Consolidated Coal Company and El Paso Natural Gas Company (ConPas) to halt the strip mining of over 40,000 acres of their land

ConPas proposals for reclamation of the land would never allow for the support of livestock, because of water shortages and water contamination In the Southwest, water is the key element The nearest river, the San Juan, is already overallocated for agricultural, industrial and municipal use Therefore, it is essential that the land's groundwater be protected

But to reach groundwater, wells 5,000 feet deep must be dug at tremendous expense The depletion of groundwater will decrease the surface flow of the San Juan The Navajo Environmental Protection Commission indicated that there may already be radioactive contamination contained in the water planned for use in ConPas's reclamation program Also, there is fear that water run-off from strip mines will contain large amounts of acid, radium and salium

If the mining is allowed to continue within the present plan, 200 Navajos will be forced to relocate and surrender their traditional livelihood of dry farming and sheep ranching Already, the people and livestock are getting sick from current mining activity

Forced relocation is also a crucial issue at Big Mountain, Arizona, on the same reservation And again it is the energy monopolies in collusion with the U S government that are forcing the issue Under the Navajo Hopi Resettlement Act of 1974, 3,500 Navajos and 32 Hopis are being forced off land they have shared for 100 years The Resettlement Act partitions 1 8 million acres of Joint Use Area land giving each tribe 900,000 acres Many Navajos have also been forced to drastically reduce their stock, which will destroy their only means of livelihood

The Act was the prelude to massive energy development of coal, uranium and natural gas that underlies the area

But the people of Big Mountain refuse to take another Long Walk like their forefathers before them (under military occupation) They see the developments on their lands as part of a reservation wide struggle The people in Four Corners feel the same way about being pushed off their land for the sake of the energy companies who want coal and uranium no matter what it means to the people

The Navajo and Hopi people of Big Mountain are determined to remain on their traditional homelands and fight forced stock reduction They claim that if it comes to a confrontation similar to Wounded Knee, they are ready

In response to the energy grabs, 22 Native Indian tribes banded together recently to form the Council of Energy Rich Tribes (CERT) to launch a defensive war against the ravenous demands of the energy corporations

CERT argues that a conflict of interests exists between the government's role of "protector" of the Native peoples and its backing of the energy companies' demands to exploit resources Therefore the ultimate responsibility for the protection of the people and land lie with the Native peoples

Following the example of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), whom they approached for technical assistance, CERT is telling the government and energy companies that they will no longer be content to accept the developers' plans They have put forward several preconditions for any new development on their land CERT demands a lease that provides a fair market value for their resources with a built in escalator clause, an option to enter into joint partnership and to buy out a company, a provision for the protection of the environment, and an agreement that companies and their employees will abide by reservation laws

Navajo men and women have organized to fend off a U S imperialist take over of their mineral rich land

While we support these demands of CERT, we see that, similar to OPEC, CERT expresses the interests of the bourgeois elements among the Native Indians In CERT's demands, there are no provisions for jobs, a most pressing need for Native peoples Nor are there any stipulations on how the money gained from leases will be used Finally there are no provisions to ensure against massive relocation of people from their traditional homes

Peter MacDonald, Navajo Tribal Chief, is president of CERT This traitor has amassed a great deal of personal wealth already from energy revenues while the masses of Navajo people still live in poverty and deprivation Under his leadership the Tribal Council has failed to support the struggles of the Navajo people at either Burnham or Big Mountain

While CERT can win some gains for the Native Indian peoples, it is only the struggle of the masses of Native Indians that will ensure their victory over the energy companies ★

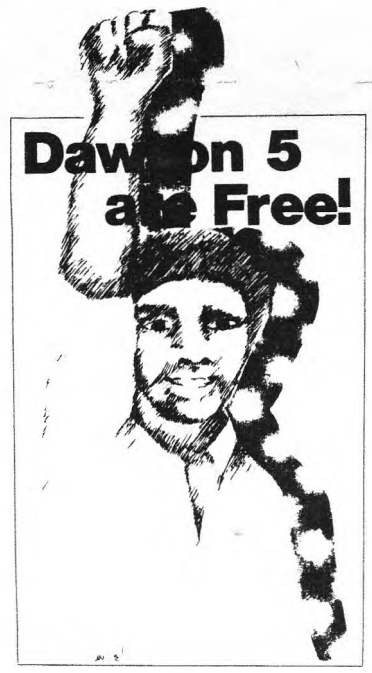
Dawson Five Disco-Benefit Held

New Orleans, Black Nation – The New Orleans Dawson Five Support Committee recently sponsored a Disco-Benefit to raise money for the families of the Dawson Five

The Five were framed on murder charges in January, 1976 As a result of an organized campaign of working and oppressed peoples, the Five were freed last December

Representatives of the Dawson Five Support Committee in Georgia and New Orleans spoke A message to the Dawson Five from Gary Tyler was read, and a hand sewn banner reading "Self Determination for the Black Nation" hung prominently on the dance floor

The Disco was supported by a half dozen social clubs and the MLOC At every turn leading up to the Disco, donations were given to the Dawson Five The Disco spinner donated time and printing, while local social clubs contributed refreshments



Many who attended the Disco expressed firm commitments to carry on the campaign to free Gary Tyler and to begin preparations to oppose plans of the Klan to march in New Orleans on May 1st

One Black man at the event stated he was deeply moved by the efforts of the Dawson Five Committee in Georgia to fight for the freedom of Walter Dennis Dennis has been framed on a rape charge in Sylvester, Georgia The case brought home memories to him of the same situation where his uncle was electrocuted in 1954 on framed up charges of raping a white woman friend

Another man commented, "I came here to disco and came away learning much more about the injustice in this country"

The Dawson Five Are Free!
Free Gary Tyler!

Struggle Continues

The struggle to free Walter Dennis is continuing Contributions for the expense of his case can be sent to PO Box 644 Leesburg Georgia in care of the Dawson Five Support Committee

Demonstrations Planned for Davis Cup Matches in Tennessee

Racist South Africans Can't Play Here!

The Davis Cup tennis matches have now become one of the main battlegrounds in the U S of the struggle against apartheid The matches, to which the racist South African government traditionally sends an all white team, are being hosted by Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee on March 17 through 19

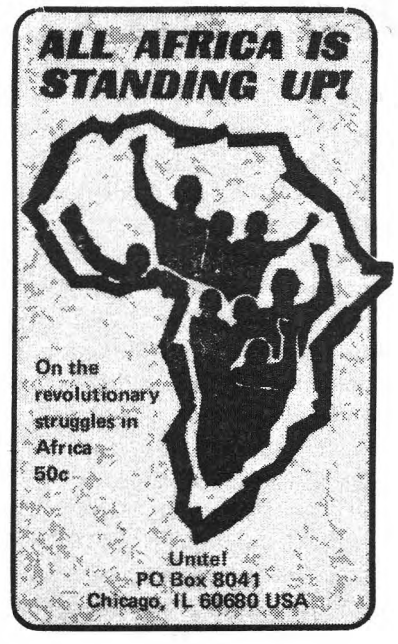
Vanderbilt's hosting of the Davis Cup matches has touched off a storm of protests aimed at cancelling the matches and keeping the racist South African government from participating in any international sports event A loose coalition of groups ranging from anti imperialist supporters of African liberation to church and civil rights organizations have been organizing for a demonstration against the matches

This protest has already forced the South African government to add a "colored" tennis player to its team Several of the original co-sponsors of the matches have dropped out

Many students and professors at Vanderbilt have taken a stand against the hosting of the matches and have been picketing the administration building daily

The MLOC supports this demonstration and encourages all supporters of the struggle against apartheid to join in protesting the inclusion of South Africa in the Davis Cup competition We must let the racist South African government and its imperialist masters know that the racists are not welcomed here, any more than they are wanted in Azania

We will continue to build support for the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania which will lead the Azanian masses to the final defeat of the reactionary regime of Vorster We will make our greatest show of support by waging class struggle here to end the criminal rule of the imperialist class ★



Imperialism is the eve of proletarian revolution!

"The social revolution cannot come about except as an epoch of civil war of the proletariat against the bourgeoisie in the advanced countries, combined with a whole series of democratic and revolutionary movements, including movements for national liberation, in the undeveloped, backward and oppressed nations" LENIN

Workers' Movement

■ **ISRAEL** – About 600 striking bus drivers fought police in Tel Aviv and tried to paralyze the country's bus system The 3,000 bus drivers held a noisy demonstration outside the National Labor Federation, and later at Tel Aviv's central bus depot Police tried to break up the demonstrations and fighting broke out in both places The drivers are demanding better working conditions

The violence appeared to herald a new wave of strikes as work agreements come up for renewal Airport maintenance men staged a one day walk out and merchant seamen are continuing a six-week old strike

The military economy of the Israeli fascist regime is placing untold burdens on the backs of the proletariat The Israeli and Arab workers must realize that their only hope can come from allying with the oppressed Palestinian people and creating a secular state in Palestine under the hegemony of the multi national proletariat and the oppressed Palestinian masses

■ **COLOMBIA** – The patriotic fighters in Colombia have carried out a number of armed actions against the Bogota regime Units of the liberation fighters attacked a police post near Paraas in the western part of the country The police post was blown up and large amounts of arms and ammunition were captured The actions of the guerilla army against government police and army patrols have been stepped up in the last two months A number of traitors were killed

The armed struggle of the Colombian people against the oligarchy in power and U S imperialism is being led by the Party of the Colombian proletariat, the Communist Party of Colombia (Marxist Leninist), which is blazing the trail which will be followed by all peoples of Latin America in their struggle for emancipation

■ **PORTUGAL** – The First Congress of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Union of Portugal was held last month This Congress was an important event for the RCYU which was led by the Communist Party of Portugal (Reconstituted) as well as for all revolutionary and progressive Portuguese youth Present at this congress were delegations from Albania, Chile, Brazil, Spain, Germany, Greece and Angola

The RCYU of Portugal is a militant organization which was created a year and a half ago in the drive of the class struggle of the working masses and Portuguese youth

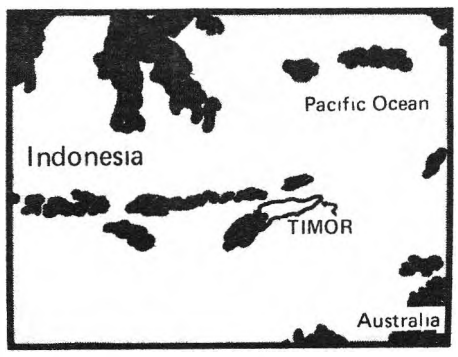
The two main tasks defined by the Congress are that the revolutionary youth should take an active part in the great struggle that the CPP(R) is waging and contribute with all its forces to the victory of socialism in Portugal and to defend socialist Albania from any attack or aggression that might be undertaken by either superpower or other reactionary forces

■ **GERMANY** – More than 20,000 longshoremen went on strike at seven ports in West Germany demanding a 9% wage increase Traffic in Hamburg, Bremen and other ports is at a standstill

The West German bourgeoisie is alarmed by this strike both because of the immediate effects on the West German economy which produces 30% of its output for foreign markets and because they fear the militant stance of the dockworkers "foreshadows widespread labor unrest"

■ **SPAIN** – Spanish workers continued to stage strikes in an effort to secure wage increases and better working conditions In mid February, over 26,000 coal miners in Asturias held a 24-hour general strike One week later, 70,000 metal workers, workers in ship building and machinery industries and bakery workers staged a one-day strike in the same province

Over 9,000 furnace workers and 3 000 timber workers in Biscay, Basque downed tools and demanded new contracts Also to express their dissatisfaction with the present agricultural policy, peasants in Andalucia staged a one week general strike at the end of the month



National Liberation

■ **THAILAND** – The Thai liberation fighters, led by the Communist Party of Thailand, are continuing to carry out bold actions against the reactionary Thai regime During the past weeks a series of armed actions was carried out Units of the liberation forces attacked a police post in Yala province, in the southern part of the Malay Peninsula near the border with Malaysia In the northern part of this province, fierce fighting between the puppet army and liberation fighters has been raging The search-and-destroy campaign of the Bankok regime was repelled by Thai liberation fighters with heavy losses to the puppet forces

■ **PUERTO RICO** – A flotilla of small fishing boats blockaded the planned manuevers of a combined U S , Canadian, British, Dutch and Brazilian naval fleet near a small island off the east coast of Puerto Rico

Operation Springboard, an international training program including anti submarine, anti aircraft, and amphibious exercises with electronic warfare, missile firing and other gunnery, is the latest of a series of war exercises conducted on or near Puerto Rico by the U S military

Vieques is an island of 8,000 residents many of whom depend on fishing for their survival Fully three fourths of the island is under Navy control, including many of the best beaches and fishing areas Since Navy occupation in 1941 U S officials have restricted access to the waters surrounding Vieques

The Vieques Fishermen s Association has indicated it will not be satisfied with the recognition of the right to fish without interference, as the fishermen of Vieques have done for generations They say their protests will not stop until the Navy completely withdraws from Vieques

■ **EAST TIMOR** – The people of East Timor, led by their national liberation organization FRETILIN are intensifying their armed struggles against the troops of Suharto's Indonesian regime Two years ago, at the instigation of the U S imperialists, the Indonesian fascists dispatched an occupation force of 40,000 troops to East Timor, on the eve of the people's victory over the Portuguese colonialists These occupation forces have slaughtered and plundered the people of East Timor U S imperialism supports these fascist troops with $25 million a year in military aid to the Suharto regime

The Indonesian troops are presently using napalm and defoliating chemicals in their bombing attacks on the population They have also established a sea and air blockade These occupation forces, however, have met with determined resistance More than 10,000 troops have been killed or wounded by the patriotic fighters of East Timor There has been $100 million in material damage inflicted on the fascists by the liberation forces The territory controlled by the Indonesian fascist occupiers has been reduced to only 5% of the country

Several powerful armed actions were carried out by the FRETILIN fighters in recent days On the main road between the capital Deli and the town, Ramelau, a unit of liberation fighters attacked a patrol, killing seventeen enemy troops, destroying three enemy vehicles and capturing a large quantity of arms and materiel In the region of Tilomar, an enemy helicopter was shot down and 12 enemies killed Also, 36 fascist troops were wiped out in fighting in the western part of the country

Socialist Construction

■ **KOREA** – The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has become one of the most advanced countries in the electrification of railways Over 230 miles of railway line with steep gradients and heavy freight traffic were newly switched over to electric traction during the six year plan Trunk lines and many branch lines were electrified During the new long term plan, 2600 miles of railways will be electrified so that 87% of the overall railway freight transport will be electrified

A total of 800 miles of new railway lines were built and a number of narrow gauge tracks were replaced by broad gauge The railway network of the DPRK has been planned to meet the demands of the development of the national economy

■ **VIETNAM** – By the end of last year there were over 39,000 kindergartens and nurseries in Vietnam, caring for some 826,000 children The number of children in the countryside being taken care of in these nurseries and kindergartens increased by 18% over 1976 This was announced at a recent meeting of the Central Committee for Women and Children s Health Production held in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) to sum up its work in 1977

■ **ALBANIA** – During 1977, the Albanian working people in the geological department successfully fulfilled the tasks of discovery and research of geological and industrial reserves for various minerals including chromium ore, copper and iron nickel They managed to ensure not only necessary reserves in existing mineral bearing deposits, but also in new areas, and at the same time they discovered reserves of several new minerals, such as bauxites, iron, phosphorites and asbestos The working people of the engineering plants are making a great contribution to the successful realization of these tasks During the past year, they created numerous types of drilling equipment, as well as other machinery and equipment for the geological sector